under the Governments consideration and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Government of India had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Ghosh, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, to review the Exchange Control Regulations. The recommendations of the Ghosh Committee which have been accepted by the Government are given in the enclosed Statement. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 37].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Response to FERA Amnesty Scheme

*123. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the response received so far to the Government's amnesty scheme for FERA violators announced in November, 1986, stating the amount of funds and assets in foreign countries declared so far by the holders, with their names; and

(b) what are the reasons for the poor response, if any, to the scheme and what steps are contemplated by the Government in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) As on 21st February, 1987, the Reserve Bank of India had received 63 declarations under FERA Amnesty Scheme. It is not in public interest to disclose the names and amount. The Scheme is valid upto 31st March, 1987, and it is too early to make an assessment of the response.

Radiation hazards posed by the Indian Rare Earths Limited

*125. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Rare Earths Ltd., a Government company is posing serious radiation hazards to the entire population of Ernakulam-Alwaye industrial belt in Kerala by processing thorium and zirconium and that cancer cases among the workers of the Indian Rare Earths Ltd. are on the increase;

(b) whether Government have conducted any study in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the measures taken by Government to provide hundred per cent protection to the workers of the India Rare Earths Ltd. against radiation hazards, besides providing adequate facilities for disposal of radioactive wastes so as to prevent any tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to allay the fears in the minds of the public arising out of various press reports on the occupational health hazards at IRE, Alwaye, investigations have